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Dear Madam:

Enclosed is a Response to the Office Action mailed on March 27, 2002, in the subject application. Also enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$55.00 for the filing fee for a one month extension of time.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned in Westborough, Massachusetts (508) 898-1501.

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